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For: NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS, RECOMBINANT
VECTORS CONTAINING THE SAME AND METHOD
FOR PROMOTING EXPRESSION OF STRUCTURAL
GENES USING THE SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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December 8, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 9, 2003, the due date for reply having been extended three (3) months to December 9, 2003 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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